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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF SEARS ROEBUCK EXECUTIVE

1. ON AUGUST 6, AT APPROXIMATELY 18:15 AMERICAN CIT, DONALD EDWARD COOPER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR MERCHANDISING, SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO., BOGOTA, WAS KIDNAPPED FROM HIS HOME BY A GROUP OF FIVE OR SIX UNKNOWN ABDUCTORS. COLOMBIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND EMBASSY ARE COORDINATING INVESTIGATION.

2. COOPER'S WIFE, MARIA LUISA COOPER NEE SOLER, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN ARE PRESENTLY VISITING COOPER'S MOTHER AT 1500 E.D. STREET NORTH PLATTE NEBRASKA. HOWEVER, FRED LEISERING, SEARS PRESIDENT FOR COLOMBIA, HAS STATED THAT SEARS WILL CONTACT FAMILY IN THE U.S. AND HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT, REPEAT NOT, NOTIFY FAMILY.

3. SEARS INTERNATIONAL IN CHICAGO HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED BY LEISERING REGARDING THE INCIDENT AND COMPANY INSTRUCTIONS. CONTACT AT SEARS CHICAGO FOR DEPARTMENT IS JOHN GALLAGHER, VICE

PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, AREA CODE 312 875 2500 AT OFFICE OR AREA CODE 312 84 9147 AT HOME.

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